



Figure 40: Validity dialog – Error Alert tab

Calc Detective

The Detective is a tool within Calc that you can use to locate any cells in a spreadsheet that contain invalid data if the cells are set to accept invalid data with a warning.

- 1) Go to **Tools > Detective > Mark Invalid Data** on the Menu bar to locate any cells containing invalid data. The Detective function marks any cells containing invalid data.
- 2) Correct the data so that it becomes valid.
- 3) Go to **Tools > Detective > Remove All Traces** on the Menu bar and any cells that were previously marked as containing invalid data have the invalid data mark removed.

✓ Note

A validity rule is considered part of the format for a cell. If you select **Delete all** from the Delete Contents dialog (Figure 42), then it is removed. If you want to copy a validity rule with the rest of the cell, use **Edit > Paste Special > Paste Special** to open the Paste Special dialog (Figure 43), then select **Paste all** or **Formats** and click **OK**.

Editing data

Deleting data

Deleting cell data only

Data can be deleted from a cell without deleting any of the cell formatting. Select a cell or a range of cells and then press the *Delete* key.